September 2024 **MINUTES**

**Serenity Prayer - Frankee B, Service Prayer - Tony B , Traditions - Steve M , Concepts - Jon S,**

**ASC - Gina G**

**Administration Report** – Frankee B

Frankee expressed her apologies for not being in attendance at our last meeting due to a funeral.

New GSR’s –

Leslie W – It Works

Gary J - Living Clean

**Secretary’s Report** – Jason W

Frankee expressed that she does not have any power over budget requests, Each sub committee MUST submit a budget each quarter and must be taken back to the groups by their GSR and approved. Whether or not a budget changes, it must still be submitted by the sub committee chair each quarter to always be available on file.

Secretary Report motion to accept by Tim V, 2nd Gina G

New Area secretary EMAIL address : macombcountyareasecretary@gmail.com

GSR ROLL CALL

Serenity on Sunday - Needs Trusted Servants - Macomb Alano, Sun. 3:00

Go For Hope - Needs Support - First United Methodist, Sunday 7:00

Today We Live - Needs Support & Trusted Servants (Treasurer\*) Eastside Alano, Mon & Thur. 7:30

Spiritual Journey - Needs Support - Salvation Army (Mound Loc.) Wed 6:00

Closer to the Heart - Needs Support & Trusted Servants - Dove Tail, Friday 7:00

Daily Maintenance - Needs Support & Trusted Servants - Eastide Alano, Daily 10:00 PM

Treasurer -

$825.00 BEG. BAL.

$716.00 GRP. DON

$ 18.00 7th TRD.

$1559.00 - Before Expenses

Nicole K

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**RCM** – OPEN, Frankee asked if there was any willingness or nominations.– 2 years clean time req, experience at area level 6 meetings/yr A LOT of fun, next meeting 9/22/24

It is suggested to attend the meeting on 9/22 to get a chance to experience, and announce your intentions and willingness

**Policy** – Benny R has 10- 11 copies available of the 2024 guidelines. Frankee expressed that shee is human and asked when there is an AD Hoc re-doing guidelines, should policy be present to oversee this process? Danny H shared that. NO policy is not required to be in attendance.

**MSO** – Smitty

Smitty reported that the MSO is a shared service building and please read the attached motion. It has been like this since the 80’s In the past to keep the office running region had financially assisted, but there is some disfavor presented from Macomb area for a reason that was not revealed. Smitty also submitted a document ( attached) as to why the MSO is so important . Any NA member is not permitted to freely ask questions at an MSO board meeting it muist be presented to the mso board via Macomb area MSO representative. Smitty submits monthly all minutes from meetings of the board of directors. Smitty asked if the art fair could use their flier at meetings to advertise the art fair. It was debated whether or not it was NA related and qualified to bare the NA logo or not. Carl K requested that the matter be tabled and move on to the next committee. Frankee Called to order.

It did in fact qualify…..

**Intellectual Property**

**What about using the NA Symbol/service symbol/ group logo?**

**Only registered service bodies, groups & vendors licensed by NAWS have legal rights to use NA logo's and trademarks because they are accountable to the owners of those symbols - The NA Fellowship. This includes the internet, flyers, merchandise, banners, etc.**

Next Meeting is 9/17/24 @ 6:30 and will be preceded at 5:30 for a meeting discussing the bylaws.

MSO 726 Livernois, Ferndale MI

**Web Servant** – Tim V. The website is continuously updated as information is provided to [macombwebpage@gmail.com](mailto:macombwebpage@gmail.com) Please send any Upcoming Events and or Activities so they can be added.

**Activities** - Yolanda D (given by Jason W)

Here's the report. Picnic was a success, thank you to everyone who helped. Kayaking was also a successful, and we will do this again in the spring. Whitewater rafting I heard also had a good turn out, but I was unable to be there due to getting covid at the World Convention. We will plan this again next year. Now, for upcoming events. Bowling will start in October same as last year, on Mondays at Shores Lane waiting to hear back about the price. I will find out on Tuesday. There will also be an open talk Halloween meeting on October 25, Friday. Waiting to confirm the location. I'm working with 2 churches. I have one that will let us do it, but they will have their trunk or treat that day so I don't want to interfere with their event so I'm waiting on another church's decision, which will also be this week. Flyers will be made and taken to many meetings by myself and other committee members due to not getting them printed in time for area. Sorry about the flyers. Thanks for letting me be of service, Yolanda D., Activities Chair

**Helpline**- Sommer G - We are in need of a chair person for the regional helpline. Requirements are 3 years clean time , Have previous experience working the helpline. 1 year commitment (see att. report)

Cornelius J is also someone to contact for assistance.

**H&I** – Aaron D

In attendance= Aaron D , Mariah M , Jimmy A, Robert J , Marty K, Kim K/H

We had a discussion about moving the H&I to St. Margarets $15, Eastside Alano $20, a hybrid that would include the zoom platform or keep it where it currently is at Macomb Alano. Women’s jail turnout is good, but needs literature without staples. Order form submitted to cover supplies through October. plenty of volunteers Ordered $218.08 Literature. Men’s prison Floors 4& 5 need more volunteers. Marty was ok’d to enter but hasn’t received orientation Thomas and Smitty were also cleared to enter. Maintaining contact with the warden is difficult. Harbor Light has lots of participation but there are some repeats (completed treatment and later readmitted) need women to speak on Sundays. Ordered $30.51 in key tags. Men’s jail floor 10 & 11 need more volunteers. The H& I committee voted to approve 5 books pre meeting 28 books pre boxed. Reason being is that there are actually 5 H& I meetings total. Anne stepped up to become literature coordinator and was voted in unanimously. BBB nominations will be at this months H&I meeting on 9/17. The 12 concepts & 12 Traditions will be very much a part of these nominations. The 2nd, 6th, & 7th concepts, and the 2nd tradition especially. As chair it is my responsibility to keep the committee’ s integrity in tact. I’m asking please don't try to flood the meeting with members to get voted into a position. It's important to follow the 12 traditions & concepts and be transparent, accountable, responsible as these are a few of the principles that must be followed when taking on any position. It was suggested that a member should attend at least two regular subcommittee meetings before being nominated or voted for any sub committee . There is no need for specific BBB guidelines due to BBB answers to H& I. Aaron Requested that Benny read the H&I guidelines again aloud for the entire meeting. Frankee suggested to Aaron to consider having guidelines comparable to those of MACNA for the BBB.

**Literature** –Ashley D (given by Gina G )

Hi, I am Ashley D and I am an addict . Sorry I cant be with you all this month. I am out of town visiting family. Thank you for your understanding. Right now they have an updated link with all of the surveys and Issue- discussion topics going on in NA at the moment. “Participation is essential to unity and is also how we can start to feel like we belong” Guiding Principles pg6

Current surveys include : Step working Material ( they want to hear from all members world wide no matter where you are in your recovery, about what member want, need, and don't want in new and revised step working material. Issue Discussion topic input forms. You will just fill out the form relating to the topic, answer some questions and give your personal input and experience to help the fellowship grow.

The topics are : Gender Nuetral & Inclusive Launguage., Disruptive and Predatory behavior., DRT/MATas it relates to NA Reimagining and Revitalizing service committees

These surveys do not take long and are a huge help to NA as a whole –. They are found in the NA APP under surveys

Projects 2023-2026 . This is information iin the survey section om what is being planned for the next 3 year cycle. Also forms to get involved with volunteering for the conference cycle. Thank you for letting me be of service. Ashley D

**Newsletter**- Sara S. Newsletter requests $100 for 200 copies of newsletter, Please continue to submit entries of Event Fliers, Stories of recovery, poems, etc. to [macombmiracles@yahoo.com](mailto:macombmiracles@yahoo.com)

**Outreach** – OPEN No Report.

**Convention** – Carl K

The Convention Committee met on 9/6/ 24 at Eastside Alano. The Road Rally was on 8/24 was good after expenses made $1701.00 The next fundraiser will be the chili cook off - date to be announced as soon as possible.

Convention Plans are going well We have several open positions It would be nice to see them filled if you have interest in serving on next years committee. Open positionas are CO-Secretary. CO-Chair, CO- registration, CO- Hotels & Hospitality, CO-programming, CO- convention info, CO- treasurer

We still need to work out flying and accommodations for the MAin Speaker from Chicago. Merchandise, Banner, Banquet & Hall, have all been payed. It is now imperative to get members registered to attend.

A Vegetarian or “VEGAN’ chili was requested for the cook -off

\* It is of high importance of new members to get involved in service for the conventions to keep the spirit of the fellowship alive and current.

The next meeting will be 10/06/ 24 @ 7PM, Easside Alano and there will be a subcommittee meeting on 9/21/24 please see Carl K for location. Registration Fliers are now available. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Carl K

**Public Relations -** Mark D

We had a table at battle of the bands as well as the overdose awareness event put on by FAN . We are also hoping to have one at the Recovery walk on Friday the 13th @ Belle Isle. I am going to to talk to regional about getting into all of the schools in Macomb County with Warren expressing much interest, all of which will be a large undertaking and we will need a lot of members to volunteer to help. I have been a little behind due to illness and will send a report to the secretary e-mail as soon as possible.

**Ad Hoc** – No Report.

Treasurer – Nicole K

$1559.00. $20.00 (rent) , $53.00 (H& I ), $124.00 (newsletter) = $1362.00

Regional Donation - $537.00, P. Reserve $825.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**GSR’S vote in business meetings for budgets.**

**Newsletter - $100/month**

**Public Relations -$ 200**

**H&I - $400/month**

**NEW BUSINESS** –

Motion by Danny H to strictly enforce that each subcommittee chair write a report, read it, and then questions can be asked in a timely manner after

Y -11, N-0, A-0

Next Area Meeting will be Sunday, October 13, 2024 @ Eastside Alano

**Open Floor -**

Motion to Close

Lena F

2nd Elizabeth SJ